Dear Paul, 7/7/76

Some years ago Bill O'Connell, who used to be a "buff," was an actor and a nice guy, tried to speak to Robert Vaughn about the JFK assassination and my work in it. That was perhaps 1967, maybe 1968. The report that came back to me is that he would not get interested. Today Art Kevin told me that at I think the Mike Douglas Show Vaughn tangled effectively with Dem Bradlee on the JFK assassination. I don't know dates or anything else about it. This report in case you know him.

Hope Ebsen is getting along well. If it is not a serious case he may be out by the time you get this. If there is no surgery all it really requires is sometimes X-rays and then a period of establishing the level of anti-coagulent. If he takes Coumaden when he comes out tell him he is really taking the world's best rat poison. If you don't know the story and want to know I'll tell you. And an accidental rat poison at that, discovered in the search for something else.

There is no news other than in the fat envelope I've sealed to go out tomorrow. You'll find plenty in that. Plus more of which I could not make enough carbons.

Well, it is news that Lil is on a short visit to see my mother.

And that I've got a load of chiggers. If you have them out there you know. If not they are a woods-related invisible insect that burrows into a pore and itches like hell for a while. Must have gotten them mowing Sunday. Only where the supports are. I can't use anything on them and don't dare scratch. The friction of the supports on them when I walk has reduced the length of the walks. Makes for itching. Not too bad. And I feel pretty good.

The accumulation of unfiled was so great I spent most of the day trying to clean it up. The work can't be seen, there was and remains that much.

As of today Jim had heard nothing of a written order from Judge Green. We suppose she is citing whatever she feels she has to cite. I would not be surprised if it includes going over the transcripts. With her other work load that can take time.

We plan to spend Friday working on the interrogatories to the CIA in the other suit. I think it will not be unpleasant. I've suggested an outline and I have some specifics in mind as I'm sure he does. There can be a series of perfectly proper and necessary questions that will, in effect, be self-answering having to do with continued suppression of the well-known.

The court of appeals has not yet issued its decision in the spectro case. I think it may well include precedent. If you want copies of it or anything else let me know. If there is something hot I'll just copy and send.

The Ray case is crazy as you will have gathered. We have decided to say nothing publicly about the poison from the reporters. Jim is letting the judge know in a letter.

I get reports of Lane pulling new wild stuff few people can evaluate and clearly at least unlikely. In LA. Allegations that Bringuier flacked with the TV stations for Oswald. If you see any press accounts or of any tapes I'd like them. He gets what he wants, attention and often pay, but it amounts to a continuous disinformation operation. In today's account from Art Kevin, it is an impossibility only experts would know.

I think I sent you my letter to Harry Wachtel, a semi-retired NYC lawyer who was abd may still be the King family lawyer. In 1970 Corretta's secretary said we'd hear from him. We didn't. 1972 or 1073 I walked into his office and saw nobody of consequence. Jim did see him some months ago. No word since. Jim sent him the briefs. Now this student of his has read Frame-up, is turned on, spoke to Wachtel, and I was told to write. I told you it was all changing.

Bugliosi is getting about 3,500 pages of FBI RFK-Sirhan material. It may be what Bud filed suit for some time ago. Bud has been getting it in instalments, I hear.

You will have gathered that there is a really sordid political story, a Ford story, in and in the withholding of the 5/19/64 transcript. Real McCarthyism.

With the Church committee suppressing some of the CIA records on toying with the mind (and I have some of the withheld) I think the plot possibilities are even better.